

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 12-16 are the independent claims.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 15 are allowed. None of claims 1, 2, 4-13, and 15 have been amended by the present Amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 4-13, and 15 should remain allowed.

Claims 14 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 11-249449 (Yamazaki). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 14 recites, inter alia, providing an error prevention section comprising a transparent portion and an opaque portion having a pattern corresponding to a position sensing signal transmitted therethrough, yielding a signal when the position signal is passed through the error prevention section, being insertable into a position sensing hole, and having a thickness substantially equivalent to a PC alloy portion located around the position sensing hole.

Independent claim 16 recites, inter alia, that an error prevention section is insertable into a position sensing hole and has a thickness substantially equivalent to a PC alloy portion located around the position sensing hole, and that a transparent portion and an opaque portion are arranged in a pattern corresponding to a position sensing signal transmitted therethrough and which yields a signal when the position signal is passed through the error prevention section.

It is to be appreciated that claims 14 and 16 have been amended to incorporate features of allowed independent claim 1 and cancelled claim 3, which features were indicated as patentable in the previous Office Action.

Regarding the rejection of independent claim 14, it is respectfully submitted the aforementioned feature of this claim is provides an express operation which defines over the citations of record.

Regarding the rejection of independent claim 16, it is respectfully submitted that the aforementioned feature of this claim recites structure and is not merely an intended use.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record, -- namely the inclusion of

subject matter indicated as patentable over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this Amendment After Final Rejection clearly places the subject application in condition for allowance. This Amendment was not earlier presented because Applicants believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the instant Amendment as an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

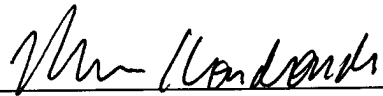
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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